

## **REMARKS**

Please reconsider the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering the present application and indicating the claims 4, 5, and 20 are allowable.

### **I. Disposition of Claims**

Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10, 13-16, and 19-38 are currently pending in the present application. By way of this reply, claims 1, 3, 13, 14, 16, and 23 have been amended.

### **II. Claim Amendments**

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the storage memory and the processor are configured to maintain decompressed data corresponding to at least one still picture image in the storage memory after removal of the at least one still picture image from the display memory. Further, claim 1 has been amended to remove the limitation “indefinitely.” Further, claim 1 has been amended to replace instances of “adapted” with “configured.” No new matter has been added by way of these amendments as support for these amendments may be found, for example, in lines 18 – 24 on page 2 of the present application.

Claim 3 has been amended to replace instances of “adapted” with “configured.” No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to correct minor spelling informalities. Further, claims 13 and 14 have been amended to replace instances of “adapted” with “configured.” No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Claim 16 has been amended to clarify that decompressed data corresponding to at least one still picture image remains stored in the storage memory after removal of the at least one still picture image from the display memory. Further, claim 16 has been amended to remove the limitation “indefinite.” No new matter has been added by way of these amendments as support for these amendments may be found, for example, in lines 18 – 24 on page 2 of the present application.

Claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 22. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

### **III. Objection(s) to the Claims**

Claim 23 was objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Specifically, prior to this reply, claim 23 depended from canceled claim 8. By way of this reply, claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 22, and thus, is now in proper dependent form under 37 CFR § 1.75(c). Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 23 is respectfully requested.

### **IV. Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C § 102**

Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 13-16, 19, 21, 22, and 24-38 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,633,654 issued to Kennedy, Jr. et al. (hereinafter “Kennedy”). For the reasons set forth below, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is directed to a decoder for a digital audiovisual

transmission system. With reference to the exemplary embodiment(s) of the present invention shown in Figures 4 and 5 of the present application, a decoder 13 for a digital audiovisual transmission system uses a processor 20 to decompress compressed still picture image data 60, 61, 62. The decompressed still picture image data 63, 64, 65 is then received by and stored in a storage memory 66. The decompressed still picture image data 63, 64, 65 stored in the storage memory 66 is then copied to a display memory 67 for subsequent display, where the display memory 67 is capable of holding multiple still picture images 68, 69, 70, 71.

One feature of the claimed invention is that decompressed data corresponding to a particular still picture image stored in the storage memory may remain in the storage memory even after the particular still picture image is displayed and removed from the display memory. *See Specification, page 2, lines 18 – 24.* Accordingly, amended independent claim 1 of the present application in part requires that the storage memory and processor be configured to maintain decompressed data corresponding to at least one still picture image in the storage memory after removal of the at least one still picture image from the display memory. Amended independent claim 16 includes a corresponding method limitation.

Kennedy, in contrast to the present invention, fails to disclose the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 16 of the present application. Kennedy is directed to the decompression and display video streams (*see Kennedy, column 2, lines 54 – 56*), *not still picture images*. In the video stream decoder of Kennedy, video frames are held in memory only until displayed in order to, for example, keep memory size as small as possible.

On the other hand, in the claimed invention, the decoder is designed to handle still picture images such that the decoder may selectively control which still picture image data is to remain in the storage memory and which still picture image data is to be deleted independent of the contents of the display memory. Such a feature is advantageous for interactive applications. However, Kennedy is completely silent as to the management of decompressed data after the display of images represented by the decompressed data because such data is removed, or no longer stored, after display. Accordingly, Kennedy fails to at least disclose those limitations of amended independent claims 1 and 16 related to the capability of storing decompressed data corresponding to a still picture image after the still picture image has been displayed and removed from a display memory.

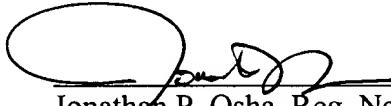
In view of the above, Kennedy fails to show or suggest the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 16 of the present application. Thus, amended independent claims 1 and 16 of the present application are patentable over Kennedy. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 11345.021001).

Respectfully submitted,

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